

# **Exhibit B**

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**From:** admin@foiaonline.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 11:26 AM  
**To:** Winter, Tom (NBCUniversal)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FOIA Expedited Processing Disposition Reached for DOJ-2018-008546

Your request for Expedited Processing for the FOIA request DOJ-2018-008546 has been denied. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Request Created on: 09/24/2018
- Request Description: To Whom It May Concern:

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I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on Russian Organized Crime and those group's efforts to influence U.S. policy that is of current interest to the public because of Russia's on-going efforts to influence that policy and to conduct intelligence operations within the United States.

This information is being sought on behalf of NBC News for dissemination to the general public.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about Russian Organized Crime because based on information and belief these groups fund and provide protection for hacking groups working on behalf of the Russian Government to infiltrate public and private networks in the U.S.

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- Expedited Processing Disposition Reason: This Office cannot identify a particular urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity beyond the public's right to know about government activities generally.